

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

All the claims on file are reproduced below and are indicated to be either amended, canceled without prejudice, or new:

Claims 1 - 3, 5, and 6 have been changed to read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A munition comprising:  
a cartridge comprising a base member at one end and an adapter case at an opposite end;  
an electric primer affixed to the base member; a canister secured to the adapter case;  
wherein the canister contains a payload, and is closed by a cap;  
wherein the canister further comprises a plurality of longitudinal rifling grooves that provide a rifled spinning movement to the canister during flight; and  
wherein the longitudinal rifling grooves further weaken the structure of the canister, so that during flight, air pressure is exerted on the cap and a centrifugal force results from the rifled spinning movement, causing the canister to break apart and the payload to be dispersed.

2. (Currently amended) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the canister is made of aluminum.

3. (Currently amended) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the payload comprises a combination of tungsten balls and tungsten cubes.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice.

4. (Canceled without prejudice).

5. (Currently amended) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the payload comprises steel balls.

6. (Currently amended) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the payload comprises tungsten balls.

Please add new claims 7 - 11, as follow:

7. (Currently added) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the cap is generally flat.

8. (Currently added) The munition in accordance with claim 7, wherein the canister comprises a closed, generally domed shaped payload area at one end that is secured to the adapter case.

9. (Currently added) The munition in accordance with claim 8, wherein the canister is releasably secured to the adapter case.

10. (Currently added) The munition in accordance with claim 9, wherein the canister is secured to the adapter case by means of an obturator.

11. (Currently added) The munition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electric primer

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Claims 1 - 3, 5, and 6, were amended as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A munition comprising: Anti-personnel ammunition including

(a) a cartridge comprising hollow casing having a base member at one end thereof and an adapter case at an opposite the end, thereof, said hollow casing being adapted to contain a solid propellant,

(b) an electric primer affixed to the said base member, by means of spring clips,

(c) a conical shaped canister secured to the adapter case, capped Canister including a payload contained therein which mates with the adapter case and is held in place by a pair of obdurators.

wherein the canister contains a payload, and is closed by a cap;

wherein the canister further comprises a plurality of longitudinal rifling grooves that provide a rifled spinning movement to the canister during flight; and

wherein the longitudinal rifling grooves further weaken the structure of the canister, so that during flight, air pressure is exerted on the cap and a centrifugal force results from the rifled spinning movement, causing the canister to break apart and the payload to be dispersed.

2. (Currently amended) The munition Ammunition in accordance with claim 1, wherein the canister said Canister is made of aluminum.

3. (Currently amended) The munition Ammunition in accordance with claim 1, wherein said the payload comprises a combination of tungsten balls and tungsten cubes.

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